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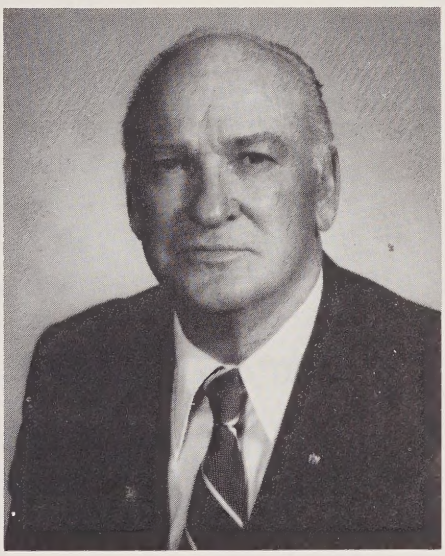

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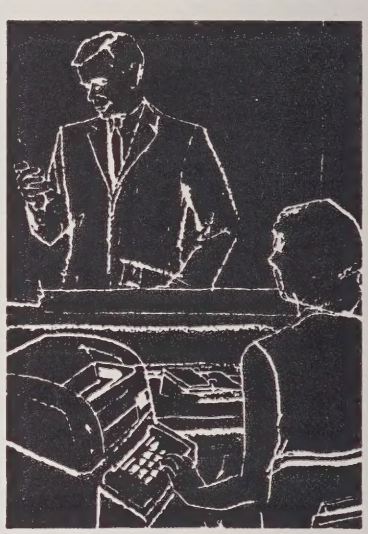

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Masons Gathered Here To Honor Edward Austin

The members of Greenville Masonic Lodge No. 284 held Edward D. Austin Night last night and paid tribute to a man who has been active in the Masons since 1926.

A native of Baltimore, Md., Austin came to Greenville in 1909 when his father was hired as a professor at East Carolina University. The Austin Building on the ECU campus was named for his father (Herbert E. Austin).

Austin, who has been living in Greenville for 65 years, has been very active in the Masonic orders. Since receiving his first degree in December, 1926, he has added to his achievements such degrees as the Royal Arch, Council Commandery, the Knight of York Cross of Honor and the Scottish Rite honorary K.C.C.H. Degree.

He has served as Knight Templar, secretary of Greenville Lodge No. 284, Master of the Greenville Lodge No. 284, High Priest of Greenville Chapter No. 50, Master of Hiram Council, Commander of Bethlehem Commandery, First Chapter Dad of Demolay, Secretary of the Temple Board and Secretary of the Greenville York Rite Bodies.

He was active in the fund-raising campaign to build the present Masonic Temple, located at the corner of Charles and 12th Streets. He has been custodian of the Temple since it was occupied.

TRIBUTE PAID TO AUSTIN—Jimmy Brewer, right, presents a check to Edward D. Austin from his Masonic friends. Looking on are Amos Leggett, Mrs. Mary Yancey and D. J. Whichard Jr. Austin will be leaving Greenville soon to make his home in Oxford.

Last night's meeting was attended by wives of the Masons and a few Masons from New Bern and Washington.

Special guests at the meeting included Austin's daughter, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Yancey of Oxford.

Robert L. Pugh of New Bern, Potentate of Sudan Shrine Temple and secretary of the New Bern Consistory of Scottish Rite, presented a prayer.

Jimmy Brewer of Greenville presented Austin with two checks, one for $200 from Masonic friends in New Bern and one for $800 from local Masons.

Brewer, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and current Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, presented Austin's record as a Mason.

Leslie Turner, Master of Greenville Lodge No. 284, presented Austin a certificate of appreciation for being past secretary of the Greenville Lodge.

Austin will be moving to Oxford because of health reasons. He and his wife will be living next door to their daughter, Mrs. Yancey.

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10:00 A.M. Register in Scottish Rite Temple, Hancock and Johnson Sts., New Bern, N. C. Lovely souvenir for each candidate's lady who attends the Reunion.
10:00 A.M. to
12:00 M. Tour of New Bern's famous 67 points of historic interest.
1:00 P.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple.
2:00 P.M. Tour of Morehead City, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Fort Macon, Emerald Isle, Spooners Creek, and Swansboro (quaint fishing village with colonial atmosphere).
6:30 P.M. Dinner at Scottish Rite Temple.

Wednesday

8:30 A.M. Tour of Camp Lejeune
1:00 P.M. Lunch—Jacksonville, N. C.
FREE TIME
6:30 P.M. Dinner at Temple

Thursday

9:15 A.M. Tour of Tryon's Palace and its formal 18th Century Gardens
11:45 A.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple

FREE TIME and AFTERNOON DEPARTURE

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SOMETHING ELSE

Reynold Davenport, 33°

Not long ago I read that some people had paid $1500 for some paintings done by four chimpanzees, and were clamoring for more. This is the second time in the last few years I've read about people buying monkey art and it has sort of solidified some opinions I've long held on the subject of certain art.

It does not seem unreasonable to me that paintings and sculpture should closely resemble the subjects thereof. I just cannot see any value in a picture of a woman that looks like a three-eyed octopus, or a landscape that looks like a collection of multi-colored glass, or a horse that looks like a blob. It would be an embarrassment to me to own such a painting and to have people asking me what it was.

But there are lots of people who go for art that doesn't look anything at all like what it's supposed to represent - or anything else. Now I'm not knocking these people, you understand, it is their uncontested right to prefer whatever they wish. I just can't figure 'em out, that's all. If these same folks were to pay several hundred dollars for a camera that did not take pictures that were faithful replicas of what they aimed at they would want their money back - right now! Yet, they happily fork over large sums for blobs and streaks and smears - they even stand in line to buy the mess a monkey makes.

It reminds me of something else I read once that said if you have trouble understanding modern art you only need to remember this: if it hangs on a wall it's a painting; if you can walk around it it's a sculpture.

Some other reading matter that always strikes a nerve is the conglomeration of polls. There are polls to determine how popular - or unpopular - a President is, and to find out if the country has confidence in Congress, and to name second basemen for the all-star game, and to designate the ten best-dressed women, and I don't know what all.

What I would like to know is, who is it in this country that gets polled?

I have never, ever been polled - not in all my life. No member of my immediate family has been polled; nor any of my aunts, nor in-laws, nor cousins, nor neighbors, nor casual acquaintances. In fact, I have never talked with anyone who had ever talked with anyone else who had a friend that knew a person who had a relative that was ever polled.

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

The nearest I've ever come to being polled is when these people - lots of 'em - call me up and start asking all sorts of important sounding questions. The thing is, just as soon as these people decide I'm not buying any of whatever it is they are selling they suffer a prompt and permanent loss of interest in my opinions. I never did figure that any of the opinions I rendered in these situations would make it to the polls - they couldn't have printed most of 'em, anyway.

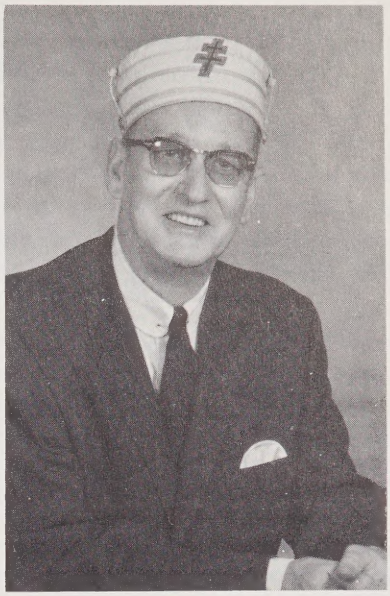
One big opinion-sampling production purports to determine how many people watch which television programs. They will run a special on, say, Monday night featuring the latest thing in ennui. On Tuesday morning they will state - unequivocally, I mean - that 17½ million people watched it, while the other two networks managed only 8 million between them for the same time slot.

Well, I just happen to have my doubts that 17½ million claim . . . I sure wouldn't want to bet any money on it.

While they are so accurately counting heads in front of TV sets they ought to figure some sophisticated way to tally up all the people who come to despise a certain product because of the asinine commercials about it they are subjected to. This is really a shame, too, because there are some real fine products that have been condemned by some of the silliest, weirdest, and un-funniest attempts at advertising you could shake a stick at. Such things as a girl smearing shaving cream on her face and thinking it's sexy, or a man skipping down the street shouting, "I smell clean!"

I put great store in obituaries, they are usually about the most factual accounts you can read nowadays. Also, I depend a whole lot on the weather forecasts - you expect them to be fiction and they almost always are. And I enjoy the cartoons. Sports stories are pretty good - when my teams are winning. But the polls and other opinions the media offer just do not get a whole lot of my attention. Appreciation of news stories depends upon the degree to which I am able to separate fact from opinion.

All in all, though, reading is still one of the best experiences I know of.



CHARLES T. MIDYETTE, JR., 33°

A program memoralizing the many years of service as Director of the Work of Brother Charles T. Midyette, Jr., 33°, and the unveiling of a portrait in his memory will take place Wednesday evening, April 9th, at the dinner hour, 6:30 P.M. in the Charles A. Seifert Banquet Hall.

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Success is not for those who quail
She gives her best to those who fail
And then with courage twice as great
Take issue once again with fate.
'Tis better far to risk a fall
Than not to make attempt at all.

—Anon.

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Speaking in Quotes: Don't complain how the ball bounces if you're the one who dropped it. —Anon.

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Frequent naps will keep you from getting old - especially if taken while driving.

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Restlessness is discontent - and discontent is the first necessity of progress. Show me a thoroughly satisfied man - and I will show you a failure.

—Thomas A. Edison

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Nature didn't make us perfect so she did the next best thing. She made us blind to our faults. —Grit

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Speaking With the Ladies: A widow consulted a medium, who put her into communication with her late husband.

"Peter," said the woman, "are you happy now?"

"I am very happy," replied the spirit of Peter.

"Are you happier than you were on earth with me?"

"Yes, I am far happier than I was on earth with you."

"Tell me, Peter, what is it like in heaven?" asked the woman.

"Heaven!" exclaimed Peter. "I'm not in heaven!"

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He - "I wonder why women pay more attention to beauty than they do to brains?"

She - "because no matter how stupid a man is, he is seldom blind."

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"Here's a wonderful thing," said Mrs. Jones. "Ive just been reading of a man who reached the age of 40 without learning how to read or write. He met a woman and, for her sake, he made a scholar of himself in two years."

"That's nothing!" replied the husband. "I know a man who was a profound scholar at 40. He met a woman, and for her sake he made a fool of himself in two days."

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"Do you think a man should tell all his thoughts and actions to his wife?"

"That would be a waste of time. She already knows his thoughts, and the neighbors keep her informed of his actions."

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Bride - "I'd like a shoulder of smoked ham."

Butcher - I'm extremely sorry that we haven't any just now. How about a nice leg of spare rib instead?"

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Speaking in Jest: While out walking on the African veld one day, a missionary suddenly came face to face with a lion. Thinking that his situation was hopeless, he sank to his knees in prayer, but then became greatly relieved when the lion got down on its knees beside him. "Dear brother lion," said the missionary, "how heartening it is to find you joining me in Christian prayer when a few moments ago I feared for my life!"

"Don't interrupt," growled the lion, "while I'm saying grace."

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"I suppose," snarled the leathery sergeant to the private, "that when you're discharged from the Army, you'll wait for me to die, just so you can spit on my grave."

"Not me," observed the private. "When I get out of the Army, I never want to stand in line again."

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Two hipsters were sight-seeing in the Everglades when one suddenly stepped into quicksand and began sinking, while his fellow traveler calmly looked on.

"Hey, man," shouted the sinking swinger, "how about giving me a hand?"

"Sure thing, dad," replied the hipster, as he began clapping.

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At a suburban dinner party, a curvaceous blonde was the center of attraction. She stood in the middle of the room surrounded by almost every male in the place. Finally, one woman turned to her husband and meowed, "I don't see what they see in her."

"I don't either," replied her husband as he started across the room. "I think I'll take a closer look."

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"I think I've finally cured my husband of coming home in the wee hours of the morning," the wife proudly announced on New Year's Day. "Last night, when I heard him fumbling downstairs, I yelled: "Is that you, Harold?"

"How has that cured him?" questioned her friend.

"His name is Charles."

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Speaking From His Book: Our days on the earth are as a shadow.

—First Chronicles 29:15

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JOY THROUGH A CROSS!

"Why don't you wake up! God is a figment of the imagination. Afraid of the vast mystery of life and daunted by its hazards, you invent a God to comfort you." Unfortunately, there is just enough truth in that taunt to make it uncomfortable today! It is true that people have often fallen into the error of making a God in their own image.

Need I illustrate? A man is looked upon as somewhat strange today when he tells his friend that he is unable to do a certain thing because he has committed himself to noble living. Another individual feels that his friend is somewhat of a "screw-ball" when he is told that his friend cannot continue his membership in some social club because he has committed that money to a cause that will help humanity. In other words, the God these people tacidly acknowledge is a God who demands no discipline of mind and spirit, and who is quite tolerant toward self-indulgence. They, indeed, make God in their own image.

We do not need, in our thinking, to differentiate between the religion of a person on the one hand and what people make of religion on the other; but it is a fact that moral dogma exists for the purpose not of making God in the image of man; but of making man to see how far short he has come from the image of God. One of the great works of Scottish Masonry is to lead men to grow into the likeness of God. Nowhere is the otherness of God more startingly presented than in the words of the Man on the Cross. On Maundy Thursday we are made to remember His saying: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself." Behind this great principle of our Masonic teachings lies the whole necessity of the Cross: the fact of the sins of mankind, the new vision required to save mankind, and God's way of presenting that vision.

The Cross tells us, in dreadful terms, the fact of human sin. Here is something that is hard for us to accept since the acceptance runs contrary to our natural inclinations. We ask "In what way are we sinful? We are decent people whose only desire is to be left alone with harmless amusements and pleasures." Even today, after centuries of war, suffering, and error, people still look at the doctrine of sin with contempt! We had rather hear the Man of Nazareth speak of

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

the beauty of the lillies than to hear Him speak in condemnation of self-righteousness and complacency! The facts speak for themselves. Man can only reap what he sows. No man can disassociate himself from the sins of the world. That is what He tried to tell.

It is a fact that the story of man's heroic self-sacrifice is the supreme glory of the human race. The picture of the blindness of men, set forth at Calvary, is not a hypothetical event! It is the picture of the sins and errors of all time. Calvary is seen for the dreadful thing that it is in that it crucifies even the love of God.

No person knew better than the Man on the Cross the shrinkings which His teachings about self-denial would create in the hearts of men. Somehow, we Masons and men must rescue the concept of self-denial in order to be faithful to our obligations and privileges. Speak for the ordinary man about sacrifice for a principle and he will look at you in amazement! Some people give just enough of themselves to make themselves miserable! They never get to the point of real joy in service. That God is love no man who has squarely looked at the Cross can deny. His whole nature is seen at one complete self-outpouring. When we think of His suffering at the hand of humanity which he created, we are staggered! The sacrifice seen on Maundy Thursday, awakens in the heart of a true Mason the deepest adoration. Truly, in following the example of this good man, a new era can come to our civilization.

We are taught that it is possible, and needful, for a man to ask nothing for himself but the sheer joy of sharing, and if needs be, suffering for the great causes of humanity. Let that spirit die and the world may well be doomed! Let it live and grow, and the world shall yet rise from the ashes of the dead past into the very glory of God. Because we need to hear that message again and again. So we come to our Maundy Thursday meetings. We come because we need to be reminded again and again until these lives of ours find their completest joy in such service as is evidenced by the Man on the Cross. He came but for to bring help, good, and peace. We need to get off our soft chairs of complacency amidst need and enter the narrow road of abundant living. We need to leave off our crutches which we have used as excuses for not recognizing the needs of our generation and get on the Cross of self-denial and daring faith. No man can truly live unless he has assumed the posture of the Cross. He taught us that "if any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross." Even now the cry is not primarily for the multitudes; but to the individuals which make up the multitudes. It may sound very strange, but true, that one never finds real joy in life until one has denied himself and assumed the posture of a suffering servant. This is the message which our beloved Rite has for us during this season. He who was stretched betwixt the earth and the sky on a Cross says to us today "Go thou and do likewise as you behold the needs of a struggling and benighted world. Go thou and find joy unspeakable through a service to mankind which will command and get your all. Find the joy of the Cross."

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THE DIRECTOR SAYS:

I sometimes wonder if we ever stop to think of the number of people involved in a Scottish Rite Reunion. There are so many people involved in this activity from the very beginning of its planning, which begins months prior to the actual reunion, that it is hard to determine the exact number. So many brethren throughout the jurisdiction give of their time in the promotion of the teachings and philosophy of Scottish Rite Masonry. More than 140 Degree Team Members, stage crews, dining room, office personnel, robing room, greeters, registration committees, Ambassadors, and many others all work to bring light and knowledge to our Masonic Brothers. Each one strives to bring those eligible, to witness our beautiful and meaningful Degrees that they might become better men and Masons.

I know of no organization where you will find more love and dedication by so many as you will find in our fraternity of Scottish Rite Masonry. Each one does his part in making the Reunion successful and enjoyable for all who attend. Whether the efforts rendered are large or small they are important and each has one ultimate goal in mind, to impart the teachings of our fraternity. Plans begin months in advance of the actual reunion and the efforts of so many are realized when the curtain opens on the Fourth Degree and continue until the candidate receives the Secret of Royal Master in the 32°.

It would be impossible to determine the exact number of workers, the total number of man hours expended, the miles traveled, the words spoken, letters written, and much more in planning and executing a Scottish Rite Reunion. All of this is worthwhile and those who contribute the most receive more for their labor. We commend and salute all brethren everywhere for what they are doing and ask that the good works of all continue.

As Director of the Work for your Consistory we ask that you contact personally that Masonic Brothers who is not yet a 32° Master of the Royal Secret, and invite him to join with us in a new way of life, the way of the Scottish Rite. We are grateful for those with whom we are privileged to work and if we can render any service please let us know.

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REUNION ACTIVITIES
Tuesday, April 8, 1975

10:00 A.M.— 4°—Secret Master. Charles T. Potter, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by M. D. Opphile, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Lewis, Marshall Harvey and Lee K. Allen.

10:45 A.M.— 5°—Perfect Master. Jack Edwards, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. W. Guptill, J. G. McDaniel, Dewey Gillikin, Leroy Price, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Blaylock, W. C. Kellum, Bill Stovall and T. H. Miller.

11:45 A.M.— 6°—Confidential Secretary. Leslie H. Garner, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by W. J. Rogers, Chas. P. Gaskins and Paul Jewett.

12:15 P.M.— 7°—Provost and Judge. W. I. Gause, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by S. Frank Noble, B. L. Parker, M. D. Opphile, R. L. Pugh and Bill Stovall.

1:00 P.M. —Luncheon.

2:15 P.M.— 8°—Intendant of Building. Earl Noe, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. F. Lewis, S. C. Chadwick, Jr., Dallas Willis, Sam Taylor and Bert Conner.

3:00 P.M.— 9°—Elu of Nine. Robert Ray Harrison, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by M. D. Opphile, H. J. MacDonald, H. W. Gillikin, Guy Langston, L. T. Barrington, Marshall Harvey, Coy Wetherington, J. G. McDaniel, Elijah Cannon, Gus Laube and W. C. Kellum.

4:00 P.M.—10°—Elu of Fifteen. C. W. Guptill, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Bill Blair, Neil Vester, Eddie Paul, Jr., J. L. Ashley, A. F. Wood, Jerry T. Whitford, H. C. Lilly, Dusty Rhoades, Royce Jordan and Garland E. Taylor.

4:45 P.M.—11°—Elu of Twelve. Charles H. Whedbee, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Paul Jewett, Clyde Stubbs, Neil Vester, Eddie Paul, Jr., William C. Kellum and Marshall Harvey.

12°—Communicated.

5:45 P.M.—13°—Royal Arch of Solomon. Bill Blair, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Wilmer Chesson, Jack G. White, Pete Thomas and E. P. Blair.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. Awards' Night.

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Program Scottish Rite Reunion (Cont.)

7:30 P.M.—14°—Perfect Elu. Louis N. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Nelson Banks, Wm. R. Waters, C. W. Guptill, James E. Blaylock, Tommy Phelps, Oscar Kafer, Bob Divoky, Howard B. Constant, Jack Edwards, William N. Vestal, Jr. and Jerry Stapleford.

Wednesday, April 9, 1975

9:15 A.M.—15°—Knight of the East. G. C. Langston, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by A. T. Willis, Jr., Wilmer Chesson, Chas. T. Potter, O. J. Aldridge, C. Wallace Jackson, Al Hearren, Dusty Rhoades, Richard P. Geary, Lee Gearhart, Tom McCree, Wm. G. Haire, Charles A. Litchfield and Gus Laube.

16°—Communicated.

11:15 A.M.—17°—Knight of the East and West. Nelson Banks, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Ashley G. Leggett, Pete Thomas, Edward Ray Edwards, Roy Edwards, Lloyd Nixon, and Karl Van Horn.

12:00 M. —Luncheon. Greetings from our Inspector General, Ill. James G. Johnston, 33°.

1:15 P.M.—18°—Knight of Rose Croix. A. T. Willis, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by S. A. McPherson, Jr., R. L. Pugh, Eddie Paul, Jr. and Wm. R. Waters.

19°—Communicated.

3:30 P.M.—20°—Master of Symbolic Lodge. Rev. Allen C. Edens, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by D. L. McRainey, Alex Arab, William P. Jackson, Norris M. Vallandingham, Warren H. Coolidge, Clifford C. Duell, Joe Dryden and R. Hoyt Randall.

4:45 P.M.—21°—Noachite or Prussian Knight. John G. Ormsby, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Kermit Guthrie, R. L. Pugh, W. H. Scott, Guy C. Langston, C. T. Potter, Johnny West, Marshall Harvey and Oscar Aldridge.

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23°—
Communicated.
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5:30 P.M.—26°—Prince of Mercy. Reynold S. Davenport, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. C. Vail, G. E. Roberts, Louie J. Smith, Charles W. Summerlin, Angus D. Hatsell, Royden Caulk and Frank A. Smith.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. Memorial Service and Portrait Unveiling of our late, lamented Director, Charles T. Midyette, Jr., 33°.

7:30 P.M.—27°—Knight Commander of the Temple. E. W. Paul, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neil Vester, Raymond Smith, A. N. Heath, W. H. Purser, E. P. Blair, Oscar Sermons, W. R. Newell, O. J. Aldridge, A. T. Willis, Jr., Guy C. Langston, Wm. R. Waters, W. H. Scott, Bill Stovall, Bill Blair and William N. Vestal, Jr.

28°—Communicated.

8:45 P.M.—29°—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Francis W. Clark, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Clinton E. Bunch, Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., Cosby S. Jones, Walter T. Kirby, Wilbourne M. Smith, Irvin Weatherly, W. T. Hawkins, L. T. Barrington, Everett Brothers, Carlice Williams, Theron Dabbs, W. M. Rhoades and Wilton Walker, Jr.

Thursday, April 10, 1975

9:00 A.M.—30°—Knight Kadosh.

1st Apartment: Walter Kirby, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Clifton White and Francis W. Clark.

2nd Apartment: Clifton Matthews, 32°, Master. Assisted by Cecil T. Boyette, Walter Lamm and Mark Ellis.

3rd Apartment: Dennis Boyette, 32°, Master. Assisted by E. S. Sasser, T. Bruce Boyette, Cecil Boyette, Clifton Matthews, Mark L. Ellis and Walter Lamm.

4th Apartment: Carl Aycock, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Claude A. Anthony, E. S. Sasser and Herman L. Barnes.

11:45 A.M. —Luncheon.

1:00 P.M.—31°—Inspector Inquisitor. L. T. Barrington, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Francis W. Clark, C. Wallace Jackson, A. N. Heath, Reynold S. Davenport, Eddie Paul, Jr., Chas. T. Potter, Warren H. Coolidge, Pete Thomas, Johnny West, Oscar Aldridge, Charles Dickinson, Neil Vester and Gus Laube.

3:00 P.M.—32°—Master of Royal Secret. Wm. R. Leggett, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Donald Hinds, Lee Dorsey, Kirby Hawkins, Jimmy Rochelle, Johnnie Braxton, John D. Charlton, Amos Leggett, Robert Dawson, Carroll Mercer, Wiley Hill, Marvin Kornegay, Ronald C. Wall, C. W. Guptill and Gus Laube.

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Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" held its regular meeting Thursday night, March 6, 1975, at the "Masonic Temple" Plymouth, N. C. at 7:30 P.M. An oyster roast was arranged for and enjoyed by a goodly number of brethren and their wives. Also enjoyed by everyone was an optimistic report about the prospects for candidates for our spring reunion. Let us diligently try to make this report come true.

Before the next issue of the Bagpipe, we will be holding the greatest event the world has ever experienced, "Easter" it has a special significance for "Scottish Rite Masons" as well as all humanity.

It brings to our attention the question, "What is life"? As persons throughout the ages have asked themselves that question, they have given many different answers.

In the play, "As You Like It," William Shakespeare put the answer this way: "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players." Speaking of the "seven stages of life," he concluded that life is both hopeless and meaningless.

"Last scene of all,
That ends this strange eventful history,
Is second childishness, and mere Oblivion,
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything."

Isapwo Crowfoot, a Blackfoot Indian chief who died in the late 19th Century, spoke just as graphically and almost as hopelessly about the ultimate meaning of life. He said:

"What is life? It is a flash of a firefly in the night. It is a breath of a buffalo in the wintertime. It is as the little shadow that runs across the grass and loses itself in the sunset."

How very different is the estimate of Jesus who said, "I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

At least three major Greek words in the New Testament are translated by the single English word "life."

The first is "bios", a word that simply means generic existence. A person is alive biologically if he is not dead.

The second word is "psyche", it is sometimes translated "soul". It speaks of the inner force or substance which animates a person's body.

The third word is "zoe." This word for "life" is overwhelmingly the one most frequently used in the New Testament, and it is the one Jesus used in the verse quoted above John 10:10. It means absolute fullness of life. No shadow running across the grass and vanishing in the darkness, it is the state of one possessed of the vitality and enthusiasm which make life of significant quality and eternal value. He is life preserved in the midst of peril with a suggestion of vigor.

It is important to see how this word is used in the New Testament. Almost inevitable it has something to do with Christ or with a person's relationship to Him.

In the first place, it is used with reference to Jesus Himself. The prologue to John's Gospel said:

"In the beginning was the word . . . And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us . . . In him was life."

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There's our word, "zoe" - "Life" with a capitol "L". The New Testament clearly makes an equation of Christ and life. Christ equals life; life equals Christ. The two are inseparable.

Secondly, it is used to describe what happens to a person here and now, when Christ enters his life. As Paul phrased it in a letter to the Corinthians, "Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Corinthians 5:17)

The New Testament insists that no matter how difficult one's circumstances are, the new dimension that is added to his life when it is lived with Christ makes it infinitely more than mere existence.

Finally, the word is used of life after death. "Zoe" is the New Testament word for eternal life. The most dramatic use of the word in that sense was at the tomb of Lazarus when Jesus said to Mary and Martha:

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die". (John 11:25, 26).

Life doesn't have to be futile or meaningless. Through Christ we may have life, measureless and unlimited. Don't settle for anything less than life with a capital "L".

"Scottish Rite Masonry is a beautiful avenue that leads directly to that type of life", in the Master of all men.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary

Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting, Sunday March 2nd, at the Washington Masonic Lodge on W. 5th St. This was a charcoaled steak cook-out, with each member bringing his own steak. Peck Lassiter presided and Rev. Hue Christopher gave the invocation. 38 members attended. President Lassiter apologized for having to call off the February meeting due to weather conditions unfavorable for a cookout.

During the business meeting the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved. Also approved that a donation be made to the Washington Lodge for the use of their facilities.

So that the food committee will know how many to prepare for, each member who knows that he will not attend a meeting, is asked to inform the committee two days in advance before the meeting is scheduled. The committee will be named each month on the notice cards.

Ashley Leggett read a letter from Robert L. Pugh, of the Inspector General's Advisory Conference, informing of the appointment of Nelson Banks, 33°, as the Director of Works of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of New Bern, Orient of North Carolina. Leggett also informed the group of the Liberty Reunion, which will be held in New Bern, April 8-9-10 and instructed everyone who has candidates to be sure to get the names of their candidates into the New Bern office so that they will be included in the guest list of the Ladies' Night Party.

A report was made of the club's visit to Plymouth, N. C. where they were

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highly entertained at a party given by Melba and Meyer Libman.

Henry Jones introduced Rev. Huw Christopher and his wife Rachael, who entertained the group with picture slides of his native Land, Wales, England. Following this very interesting program, the meeting adjourned at 7:30.

The next scheduled meeting will be held at the Washington Lodge on Sunday, April 6 at 5:30 P.M. Preston Edwards, Chester Elks and Wiley Hill with their wives will host the occasion. This will be a charcoaled steak cook-out with each member bringing his own steak.

Ashley G. Leggett

Dare Scottish Rite Club

The Dare Scottish Rite Club met at 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 11, 1975 at the Dare County Shrine Club.

The meeting was called to order by the President Robert W. Wechter.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary-Treasurer and approved as written. The bills against the club were read. A motion was made and seconded to pay the bills. The treasurer was directed by President Wechter to pay the bills. A financial report of the club was made by the treasurer.

Brother Richard W. Palmer was presented by Brother E. Curtis Daniels for membership to the club. Brother Palmer was unanimously accepted by the usual vote.

Club officers were elected for the year of 1975, in the usual manner, as follows, President: Elliott Curtis Daniels, 32°; Vice-President: Robert W. Wechter, 32°; Secretary-Treasurer: Reuben E. Payne, 32°.

Each member was urged to contact as many prospects for candidates for the Liberty Reunion, (April 8, 9 & 10, 1975) as possible.

The next meeting was set for March 20, 1975 or near that date as feasible in the form of a Ladies' night The details are to be worked out in due time.

A social hour was enjoyed by all, with refreshments of ice cream and fancy cookies served by members of the club.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Reuben E. Payne,
Secretary-Treasurer

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

The East Carteret Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting on Monday, March 3, 1975 in Franklin Lodge 109 with 15 members present.

The meeting was called to order by J. D. Lewis, President. Plans were made to have a stag supper on March 22, at Mike's Restaurant on Front Street, Beaufort, N. C. and our up-coming "Ladies' Night" to be held on April 5, 1975.

Everyone was reminded of our Spring Reunion, "The Liberty Reunion" and was urged to secure candidates for it.

After a few remarks by some of the brethren, the meeting was adjourned.

Thomas J. Carraway,
Secretary & Treasurer

Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club

The Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club held its meeting, March 7 at 7:30 P.M. in the Masonic Temple, in Elizabeth City. The meeting was called to order by Past President M. L. Spruill, acting for our President James W. Icenhour, who was unable to attend.

The invocation was by Brother Wilton Walker. About 20 members were present. The Maundy Thursday service was discussed and active participants lined up to take part in the services.

Brother Spruill asked all participants to meet at the Temple in Elizabeth City Sunday at 2:00 P.M. for practice, and he also urged all members to contact prospects for the Liberty Reunion.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned, with refreshments enjoyed by all.

Fraternally,
T. R. Dobbs, Secretary

Grifton Scottish Rite Club

The Grifton Scottish Rite Club met February 12, 1975 at 7:00 P.M. for our monthly meeting. Twenty-one members were present and all enjoyed a steak supper prepared by Chief Cook "Chick" Johnson. Col. M. C. Batten gave thanks.

Brother B. L. Witherington, 32nd Degree Past Master of Vanceboro Lodge spoke to the group. He gave a very stimulating talk about living the Masonic Code concerning Charity and Brotherhood to all.

The meeting was then adjourned by Col. Batten.

Martin County Scottish Rite Club

The Martin County Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting Wednesday, March 5, 1975, at YOUR RESTAURANT in Robersonville, N. C.

President John Tyler called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Brother George Bagley gave the invocation. The minutes of the last meeting were read for information. Brother J. L. Williams introduced our guest Brother Clayton Whitehurst, Master of Bethel Lodge No. 589 in Bethel, N. C. and a member of the Pitt County Scottish Rite Club. Brother Tyler welcomed our visitor and extended an invitation to come back again anytime.

Atfer a delicious meal Brother Tyler turned the meeting over to Brother Sherwood Taylor for the program entitled "Questions to Think About". An interesting discussion was held after each question.

The next order of business was the discussion of the Ladies Night Supper to be held in our district. Our club voted to accept the request to host the supper. Ladies Night will be held April 2, 1974 at the Town & Country Restaurant in Williamston, N. C. The program will begin at 7:15 P.M. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Henline, Secretary

Morehead City Scottish Rite Club

At the February regular meeting of the Morehead City Scottish Rite Club, the re-elected President Claude Sawyer called the meeting to order. All of the officers for 1974 were re-elected to serve in 1975.

The President appointed Bros. James Bell, Alfred Bell and Travis Willis as Ambassadors for the 1975 year and encouraged all Scottish Rite Masons to work for candidates for the Spring Rnunion and coordinate activities through the Ambassadors.

It was suggested by Bro. Jerry Bell that our group make a concentrated effort to attend "Maundy Thursday" Service and Easter Sunrise Service in a mass group.

Several suggestions were put forth as to how we might enjoy more fellowship.

Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Floyd Chadwick, Jr., Secretary

ONSLOW-LEJEUNE Scottish Rite Club

The meeting for February was held at 7:30 p.m. on 17 February 1975 at the "Back Swamp Community Building" two miles past the Ellis Airport on Catherine

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Lake Road.

The meeting was called to order by Secretary-Treasurer George M. Eckman. Brother Royden Caulk gave the invocation. After a delicious meal of home cooked vittles; the like of which would cause even the greatest of Chefs to turn green with envy, the minutes of the last meeting were read. Brother George Eckman introduced Mrs. Kathy Ross - A Juvenile Court Counselor of Onslow County. Mrs. Ross introduced the members of the Club to some of the more intricate facets of her duties and services to the community. The members of the Club received the program from Kathy with most welcomed interest. Brother Odell Gladson announced the "Ladies Night" would be held at 7 p.m. at the Jacksonville, N. C. Moose Lodge, Thursday, March 13, 1975. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, and the benediction was given by Brother Royden Caulk."

Fraternally,
George M. Eckman
Secretary-Treasurer

Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club

A meeting of the Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club was held on February 22nd. The new officers which were elected in the Fall, presided - President, Horace Webb; Secretary-Treasurer, Carson D. Spivey, Sr.

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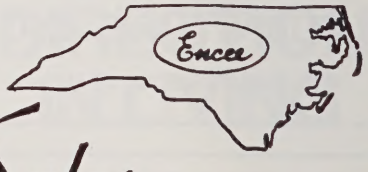

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The business of contacting candidates was discussed and a stag supper was planned for March 28th to discuss with the prospective candidates the coming Reunion.

C. D. Spivey, Sr., 32°
Secretary

Swansboro Scottish Rite Club

The Swansboro Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting Feb. 7, 1975 at the New Seafarers Restaurant. Rev. Keiser opened with the invocation.

President Taylor proposed a program for the year including any suggestions for contributing to the several needs of the Blue Lodge.

Committees were appointed for the year to plan entertainment and programs. A lively discussion followed the dinner.

A Lodge needs committee was appointed consisting of Aaron Taylor, Haywood Dail, and Don Walston. Also a program committee consisting of O. J. Simpson, Rev. Keiser and Mike Sandys.

The next meeting will be held on May 7, 1975, the time and place to be announced by postal card.

Pres. Taylor stated the necessity of having regular monthly meetings. By-laws require a minimum of two meetings per year.

The purchase of a stamp and pad for the Secretary addressing postal cards was approved.

The Treasurer reported a balance of $79.49. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 with the benediction by Rev. Keiser.

Fraternally,
Don Walston
Secretary-Treasurere

In Memoriam

Our memories are precious gifts.
To treasure through the years,
To comfort us when days are dark,
And eyes are dimmed with tears,
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And so — when separation comes,
To bring us bitter loss,
Our memories are precious gifts,
To help bear the cross.

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Elmer L. Jenkins, 32°, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.	February 4, 1975
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Wilson County Scottish Rite Club

The Wilson County Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting at The Frontier Inn, Bailey, N. C.

The meeting was called to order by President Bro. John L. Whitley.

Invocation by Bro. C. C. Burriss. A delicious dinner of chicken, chicken pastry and yams was enjoyed by the members and their wives.

Bro. Whitley welcomed the ladies to our meeting and informed them that we were planning a cook out as soon as the weather got warmer with them again as our guests.

Bro. Whitley read a letter from Bro. Pugh concerning our Spring Reunion and our need for candidates.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Club Schedule of Meetings

	Date	Time	Place
Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club	1st Sunday each month	5:30 P.M.	Washington Lodge on W. 5th St. Extension
Grifton Scottish Rite Club	2nd Wednesday each month	7:00 P.M.	VFW Hut, Hwy. 11, South
Martin County Scottish Rite Club	1st Wednesday each month	7:30 P.M.	To be announced
New Bern Scottish Rite Club	2nd Monday each month	7:30 P.M.	New Bern Scottish Rite Temple

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